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REMARKS

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1. At 8 a.m. on 7 April 1952, four 122-mm howitzers of model 38 coupled to vehicles [REDACTED] moved out of the Ziethen Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) and proceeded to Lieberose by road. Six T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were also seen on route to Lieberose. They came from the Hindenburg Kaserne. The following observations were made at the loading ramp on Fuerstenwalder Strasse:

at 1 p.m. on 13 April. Loading of T-34 tanks from the Duelow Kaserne [REDACTED]

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at 9 a.m. on 14 April. Loading of 16 JSU-152 guns, [REDACTED] from the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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at 7 a.m. on 15 April. Loading of 14 JS-2 tanks and 4 JSU-122 guns from the Horn Kaserne; 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 4 trucks [REDACTED] from the Ziethen Kaserne.

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at 7:30 a.m. on 16 April. Fifteen JS-2 tanks [REDACTED] and JSU-122 gun [REDACTED] from the Horn Kaserne.

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at 8 a.m. on 17 April. Loading of 4 x 85-mm AA guns, 14 trucks [REDACTED] and about 10 flatcarloads of low wooden barracks sections from the Alte Artillerie Kaserne. [REDACTED] All shipments were dispatched to Lieberose. Only small details of troops who were engaged daily in driving practice remained in the Hindenburg Kaserne. All other barracks yards and garages of the military installations of Frankfurt/Oder military post were vacated.

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2. The following observations were made when the troops started vacating Frankfurt/Oder military post:

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at 8:30 p.m. on 11 April. Loading of 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 12 trucks [redacted] at the main railroad station.

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12 April. Loading of three trains with: about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; 50 T-34; [redacted] Loading at the marshaling yard of billeting equipment which had been hauled to the station by trucks [redacted]

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at 6:30 p.m. on 11 April. A train loaded with 60 trucks [redacted] and billeting equipment stood at the marshaling yard.

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at 5 p.m. on 15 April. Two tanks were loaded on a train at the marshaling yard. Troops in the Horn Kaserne made preparations for their departure at about nightfall. [redacted] about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 30 T-34/85 tanks, [redacted] Seven 37-mm AA guns, 3 canvas-covered searchlights and trucks [redacted] stood on the loading ramp of the main railroad station. Four trucks [redacted] towing 85-mm AA guns, drove from the Buelow Kaserne to the railroad station.

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16 April. Loading at the marshaling yard of 15 canvas-covered SP guns, presumably of model SU-100, and trucks [redacted] A train standing at the marshaling yard at 5 p.m. consisted predominantly of boxcars with troops. Four trucks [redacted] and billeting equipment were loaded on three flatcars with sideracks. At 6:45 p.m., 200 troops with red-bordered black epaulets assembled for loading at the marshaling yard.

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17 April. A train loaded with 30 trucks [redacted] and billeting equipment stood at the marshaling yard. Eight trucks [redacted] loaded with potatoes stood on the loading ramp.

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18 April. About 1,600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia, and vehicles [redacted] were in the Artillerie Kaserne. [redacted]

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Except for rear details in the Horn Kaserne, the Buelow Kaserne and in the Hindenburg Kaserne, all troops of Frankfurt/Oder military post had departed.

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3. During the night of 11 April, 20 tanks [redacted] were loaded at the military ramp in Frankfurt/Oder. The vehicles came from the Horn Kaserne. Five trucks [redacted] were involved in the loading process. Ammunition from Rosen Garten was loaded on 15 boxcars for shipment to Kirchroesser on 15 April. Fifteen SP guns, [redacted] 1 armored scout car, and 6 x 37-mm AA guns coupled to trucks [redacted] were loaded over the military ramp in the afternoon. Until noon of 16 April, 18 tanks [redacted] and 1 armored scout car were loaded. Eight armored scout cars, 10 trucks, 2 field kitchens and equipment were prepared for loading in the afternoon. The portaining trains was not available at that time.

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1. Between 11 and 15 April, motorized columns with an undetermined cargo were seen passing through Mellrose (O 53/V 52) en route to Neoshow (O 54/V 41). Part of the columns was seen returning without cargo, driving toward Frankfurt/Oder. The columns included about 15 trucks, [redacted]

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each towing a 45-mm or 57-mm AA gun; 6 trucks towing model ZIS-3 76.2-mm guns; 12 trucks towing 120-mm mortars; 9 armored scout cars; several rocket launchers; and half track vehicles with revolving machine guns. *

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* Comment. the departure by rail and road of the components of the 7th Gds Mocz Div from Frankfurt/Oder. confirmed the arrival at Lieberose training ground of these units after 7 April 1952.

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The present report indicates that all units of the division carried in Frankfurt/Oder were identified as having been involved in the departure. The units concerned are the unidentified Gds How Arty regiment, the 25th Gds Mocz Regt, the 81st Gds Tank SP Regt, the 57th Gds Tank Regt and the 280th Gds AA Regt. paragraphs 1 and 3 observed a total of 56 tanks and SP guns to have been loaded and paragraph 2 a total of 27 tanks and SP guns. Observations which were partly overlapping, resulted in 12 to 15 trains to have been dispatched from 7 to 17 April 1952. Further information is needed to clarify as to whether components of the 32d (?) AAA Div from the Artillerie Kaserne have also been dispatched to Lieberose. Effective 18 April, the military installations in Frankfurt/Oder quartering components of the 7th Gds Mocz Div can be carried as being occupied only by rear details, but the Artillerie Kaserne appears to be occupied to capacity though two trains with units of the 32d (?) AAA Div were dispatched to Mustraw in mid-March 1952.

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